

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF HOUSE SITES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Andaman and Nicobar Administration had issued proclamation for the allotment of 10,000 housing-sites during December, 1994 in response to which about 38,000 persons had applied;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken so far for allotting housing-sites; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the applications are likely to be disposed of as per provisions of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Revenue Rules?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that proclamations of allotment of house sites were issued during the year 1994 in accordance with the rules framed under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation, 1966. The applications received were examined but could not be finalized/processed further.

(c)&(d): Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that a favourable decision on allotment is unlikely in view of the reasons cited below:-

Shortage of availability of land for the allotment compared to the number of applications received.

The allotments were to be made under the norms laid down under the 20 Point Programme. The conditions mentioned therein were at variance with Rules framed under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation 1966, under which the proclamation was made. The categories of persons who would be eligible for allotment would thus be mutually exclusive.

The cases were not processed further as the Administration felt that such allotments may lead to an influx of population in these islands. The Supreme Court has inter alia directed in its Order of 7-5-2002 that measures to control influx are to be taken.